GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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CONSTITUTION OF ADVISORY PANEL
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any independent board or body or advisory panel in addition to the Censor Board to scan all movies and TV serials made with religious grounds only before these movies and TV serials are referred to the Censor Board for clearance for final release;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to constitute an advisory panel to decide over all such elements in the movies which may hurt religious sentiments resulting in disruption of peace and harmony in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) and (b) : The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) set up under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, is the sole body which certifies films for public exhibition. Television programmes are required to adhere to the Programme Code prescribed under the Rules framed under the Cable Television Networks Act, 1995.

(c) and (d) : The Government have consistently advised the industry bodies in both Cinema and Television sectors to exercise self-restraint. However, there is no proposal for a separate advisory panel other than CBFC.